Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Since May 2, 1940, Harold J. Dimmerling has been serving God and the Catholic people as a Roman Catholic Priest; and,

WHEREAS, The Most Reverend Harold J. Dimmerling has been serving the Catholic people of West River South Dakota for nearly fifteen years as their bishop; and,

WHEREAS, Bishop Dimmerling bases his entire ministry on his unswerving faith in God and his hallmark is his eagerness to serve God by serving His flock; and,

WHEREAS, Bishop Dimmerling's episcopacy is characterized by such people-serving programs as the Catholic Social Services, a ministry training program for Native Americans, the monthly West River Catholic, and a Stewardship program which allows the people of the diocese to enjoy the blessings of doing God's work; and,

WHEREAS, September 23, 1984, will mark the seventieth anniversary of Harold J. Dimmerling's birth; and,

WHEREAS, The people of the Diocese of Rapid City will celebrate their beloved Bishop's seventieth birthday with appropriate festivities and observances during the annual Festival of the Family slated for September 14 and 15; and,

WHEREAS, Bishop Dimmerling has been a guiding light, not only to West River Catholics, but to people of all faiths across our Great State and beyond; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for a Governor to make note of the special events in the lives of South Dakota's foremost citizens:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 14, 1984, as

THE MOST REVEREND HAROLD J. DIMMERLING DAY

in South Dakota, and I join the entire Catholic family of South Dakota in wishing Bishop Dimmerling a happy and memorable birthday celebration and many more years of health and happiness as he endeavors to shepherd his flock closer to God with his message, Keep the Faith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Four

William J. Janklow

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alice Kundert

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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